



*Pittwater Aquatic Club*

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The pandemic has proved to be more manageable than we initially feared. Please continue to be mindful of social distancing and ensure you sign in correctly, using the QR code/s located around the PAC. This is critical should there be a COVID infection incident at our Club.

There have been two uncomfortable issues that have occupied significant time board time for a number of years. These issues have now been finalised.

Ocean 21 was purchased by the club several years ago with a view to expanding services to include a boat brokerage and boating education. The purchase included assets including a number of moorings off Winji Jimmi. Despite numerous negotiations over the years The RMS have advised us that we must relinquish those mooring positions.

In 2020, the Pittwater Aquatic Club commenced defamation proceedings against Casey Van Dyke in the District Court of New South Wales. The parties have settled their dispute on mutually agreed terms.

We aim to hold our next Annual General Meeting in February 2022. One item on the agenda will be a special resolution to include a new rule regarding "Delegation of Authority." This new rule, if adopted, will define how much of members' funds can be used for specific operational functions and how our various types of expenditures must be approved. More detail on this will be provided before the AGM.

The club would prefer to offer club work to members in preference to strangers. If a member can provide goods and/or services at competitive quality and price then the club would like to hear from you. We need to understand the skill set of our members so please forward a description of your skills to [paqclub@tpg.com.au](mailto:paqclub@tpg.com.au).

We need your cooperation in paying for the work berth please, please ensure you fill out the details on the work berth envelope (found in the slip booking room) even when you pay by EFT. Note also that EFT is the preferred method - it really helps Ron with the book keeping.

We have applied for recreational moorings in the following bays:

- Americas
- Patonga
- Dangar Is
- Hardy's Bay

Stay tuned for progress on these applications.

Last February we approached Northern Beaches Council about the use of Winnererremy Bay to gain an understanding around our rights to lease the bay for our proposed Marina Expansion Project. This was an important step prior to considering whether or not we could submit a development application to expand the marina. We have received a response which states that we are "likely to be in a position to rely on existing use rights" as a basis for development application to extend the marina. We are still considering the options before us and will provide more information as it comes to hand.

With fantastic weather on Pittwater & Broken Bay and with plenty of sunny hideaway spots, we understand that boating (sailing and fishing) is currently permitted as a recreation. If you head out to enjoy our Broken Bay environment please satisfy yourself as to what is permitted under the Health Department restrictions. Regardless of when, I look forward to seeing you out on the water.

**Chris**

## What's on the Horizon?

Events for your diary:-

Watch this space, another COVID lockdown, what next? Hopefully the vaccination program gains momentum as soon as possible, then with some luck we can schedule some events and get back to socialising as we remember it.

## Help Wanted

The PAC board is looking for an IT professional from the membership to assist with developing a future technology roadmap for PAC. Experience in web design, database development, web integration and architecture is highly desirable. If this sounds like you or you have a family member with these skills that is willing to help or can offer a competitive commercial proposal please contact the secretary at [paqclub@tpg.com.au](mailto:paqclub@tpg.com.au) for more information.

## New Members

Earlier this year we inducted 15 new members to PAC and we ask all members to make them feel welcome and assist wherever possible when using the club facilities.

## PAC stickers and Booking System

All members should have received the club stickers for cars and boats. Also included in the envelope for boat owning members will be the login and password

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for the clubs web page based booking system. These details change each year.

## Payment of Annual Fees and Changes for Next Year

Thank you to all members who paid their annual fees by the due date of 31 March for the 21/22 club year. To make the whole process work more smoothly next year we ask members assist in the following ways:-

- When making any EFT payment to the club please ensure that the invoice number and or Surname is included as the reference, not just the description field.
- Please make payment well before the due date to allow reconciliation of payments and ensure that offers to new members can proceed quickly.
- Members will have the option to pay annual invoices by credit card using B2B Pay and Paypal which has a buy now pay later option for members who need further time to pay.
- Please avoid using cheques/cash to make payment. Nobody uses cheques these days. If you have to pay by cash or cheque please make a direct deposit using the correct reference at a NAB branch.

- Advise the club prior to February of any proposed changes to facilities to ensure accuracy of invoices.

The Club will also issue the annual invoices 2 weeks earlier to give members ample time to make payments and provide a further reminder closer to the date.

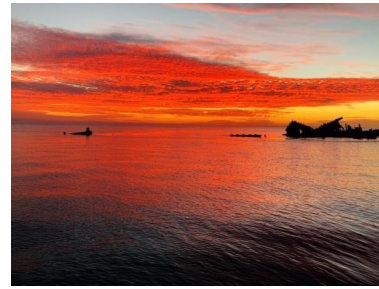
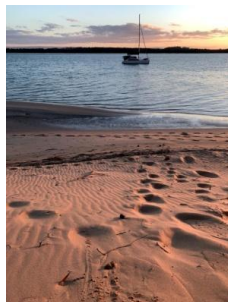
## Gemma and Jonno's Winter Adventure

As many members would know, Gemma and Jonno Winterbottom recently headed off for a 6 month adventure to the warmer climate of northern Queensland and Gemma has kindly provided us with diary notes and some amazing photos.

It all started with parking the car in the workshop and then a midnight scooter run to PAC. Departing Palm Beach at 7.30am 15 May with a moderate NW swinging around to SW 15-20 knots cruised into Port Stephens at 8pm. Rather than bunkering down, they decided to jump on the back of a stiff SW at 7am and surfed into Tuncurry at 1.15pm to be greeted by dolphins. Unfortunately a surfer was taken by a shark on Tuncurry Beach while swinging on a public mooring. Deciding to keep moving, departed Forster 18 May at 6.15am and arrived in Port Macquarie at 2.45pm. After refuelling departed the next morning at 4.30am for a very scary bar crossing in the dark with plenty of waves which they won't do again in a hurry. After spending

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time with family in Coffs, departed 25 May having to motor all the way to Southport. Now time to relax around Wave Break Island, Slipping Sands and Tangalooma Shipwrecks before heading to Ruby Bay. Please enjoy the photos taken by Gemma on route.



## Casual Rental Mooring

The club has a mooring just outside Winnererremy Bay near Bayview that is available for short term rent by members. The cost is \$40 per week and can be booked through the PAC Booking System (Casual Moorings) Logon to, [paclub.com.au /booking system/casual moorings](http://paclub.com.au/booking/system/casual-moorings). Minimum booking 1 week, thereafter in weekly blocks. Maximum booking 3 weeks without prior approval of the Facility Director (email [paqclub@tpg.com.au](mailto:paqclub@tpg.com.au)).

Boat owners are given the username and password each year with their parking stickers.

Payment is required at the time of booking. EFT reference your (surname M10)

If the mooring is vacant and member's wish to pick up the mooring for a few hours they must either stay on board and be prepared to vacate or check on the booking system to ensure that the mooring is not booked by another member.

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## For Sale and Wanted

We are going to run in every issue of our Journal a 'For Sale and Wanted' column. If you have an item or items that may be of interest to members please send us a description, photo and contact

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[paqclub@tpg.com.au](mailto:paqclub@tpg.com.au) and we will run each add for 3 months unless sold prior.

### **Wanted - Evinrude 200hp HO ETEC in any condition for parts**

I am in need of a worn out or broken Evinrude 200HP HO ETEC outboard for parts and willing to pay a good price. If you know of anyone that is wanting to repower or has a motor lying around that may suit please phone Philip 0418472005 any time.

### **For Sale - Yamaha 3hp 2 stroke Outboard**

My 3hp short shaft outboard motor is in excellent condition. It was recently professionally serviced with new impeller etc \$350 ono

If you are interested please phone Phil 0417655216.

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